

REMARKS:

Claims 1 to 9 and 12 to 16 which were rejected have been cancelled.

Claims 10, 11, 19 and 29 which were objected to have been cancelled.

Claims 24, 33 and 37 which were objected to have been amended to overcome the objection raised.

Claims 17, 18, 20 to 23, 25 to 28, 30 to 32, 34 to 36 and 38 which were allowed remain in the application with only minor consequential amendments to Claims 25 and 34.

With regard to the Information Disclosure Statement, a fresh IDS is submitted herewith correcting the two errors.

In regard to the first error, where "3003/0171669" as previously presented now reads "2003/0171669", the Examiner likely appreciates that this reference has already been considered by the Examiner as it is cited on the List of References Cited.

In regard to the second error, where "7,113,829" as previously presented now reads "7,113,092", the Examiner will note that this patent was issued September 26th 2006 based on an application filed November 12th 2003 and claiming a priority date of November 12th 2002. The present application has a filing date of April 15th 2003 and a claimed priority date of April 25th 2002. The present application therefore has an earlier filing date than the cited patent so that patent cannot be cited under 35 U.S.C. 102. It is therefore included only for completeness.

With regard to the Oath, the attention of the Examiner by which the typographical error in the number of the PCT application has been found is appreciated and a fresh Oath is attached.

It is submitted that the present application is now in good order for allowance.

Respectfully submitted

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